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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 28924

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, CCD
SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD): FRENCH VIEWS

REF: STATE 217664 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTRY DISARMAMENT CHIEF AGREED
THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMPLETE SELECTION OF
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF CD BY SEPTEMBER 19. ISRAELYAN
WILL VISIT PARIS SEPTEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS CD MEMBERSHIP
QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL INSTRUCTION, EMBOFF SAW FOREIGN
MINISTRY PACTS AND DISARMAMENT CHIEF, DE LA FERRIERE,
AUGUST 30. EMBOFF OUTLINED US/USSR CONSULTATIONS OF
AUGUST 24.

2. DE LA FERRIERE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMA-
TION AND SAID THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY SINCE

SOVIET DISARMAMENT EXPERT ISRAELYAN WILL VISIT PARIS
SEPTEMBER 6 FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON CD MEMBER-
SHIP.

3. TIMING: DE LA FERRIERE COMMENTED THAT GOF DID NOT
NECESSARILY AGREE WITH WARNKE'S POINT IN PARA 2 REFTEL
THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE WAS MOUNTING FOR SELECTION
OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE CONCLUDED BY THE OPENING
OF THE 33RD UNGA SEPTEMBER 19. NEVERTHELESS, DE LA
FERRIERE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE JUST AS WELL TO
HAVE THE SELECTION WORKED OUT BY THAT DATE, PROVIDED
THAT IT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE REGIONAL GROUPS.

4. RE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, DE LA FERRIERE
CONFIRMED THAT GOF BELIEVES EIGHT IS PREFERABLE.

5. RE SLATES AND CANDIDATES, DE LA FERRIERE REITER-
ATED THAT GOF WILL TAKE NO OFFICIAL POSITIONS PRO OR
CON. HE DID SAY THAT GOF WAS CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE
UNDERSIRABILITY OF CUBAN MEMBERSHIP AND BELIEVED
VENEZUELA IS SUPERIOR CHOICE. FRENCH WILL MAKE THIS
CLEAR TO ISRAELYAN WITHOUT TAKING OFFICIAL POSITION.
GOF IS ALSO CONVINCED OF MERITS OF AUSTRALIAN CANDI-
DACY. GOF ALSO BELIEVES THAT ONE NATO CANDIDATE IS
LOGICAL. BELGIANS, DANES, AND NORWEGIANS HAVE
APPROACHED GOF SEEKING SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACIES. HOW-
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EVER, GOF HAS RESPONDED TO ALL THAT IT IS NOT TAKING
FORMAL POSITIONS ON QUESTION OF NEW MEMBERS. PRI-
VATELY, GOF IS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO BELGIAN CANDIDACY.

6. DE LA FERRIERE CONCLUDED INTERVIEW BY REITERATING
APPRECIATION FOR US INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS EXCHANGE OVER NEXT
MONTH.
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